(a) whether it is a fact that commercialisation of agriculture production including agro-processing through private sector participation, can enhance the income of farmers;

(b) if so, measures taken in this direction; and

(c) the results achieved, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO)- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Agriculture Policy, which is in final stage of drafting, seeks to promote a demand-driven growth of agriculture, responding to the needs of domestic and world markets with a focus on development of supportive infrastructure, including agro-processing units in the producing areas.

**Fishing Harbours**

1529. DR. AILADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up fresh fishing harbours;

(b) if so, the details of locations thereof;

(c) the target for completion of the harbours; and

(d) the amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR); (a) to (c) Based on the recommendations of the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery, Bangalore the Government of India propose to develop 13 fishing harbours during the Ninth Five Year Plan. A State/Union Territory-wise list of proposed sites is enclosed, *{see* below)

(d) The tentatively estimated cost of the proposed fishing harbours is Rs. 223.81 crores.

**Statement**

*State/Union Territory-wise List of Fishing Harbours proposed be set up in the Country*

| State/UT | Name of Fishing Harbour |
|---|---|
| Maharashtra | 1. Agardanda |
| Gujarat | 2. Okha<br>3. Umbergaon |
| Tamil Nadu | 4. Rameshwaram |
| Karnataka | 5. Gangolli<br>6. Alvekodi |
| West Bengal | 7. Harwood Point<br>8. Diamond Harbour |
| Kerala | 9. Muthalapozhy<br>10. Ponnani |
| Goa | 11. Chicahm Bay |
| Pondicherry | 12. Karaikal |
| Andhra Pradesh | 13. Krishnapatnam |

**Indian Agriculture Stastical Research Institute**

1530. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agriculture Statistical Research Institute (lASRI) under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) contracts its annual maintenance work through CPWD or through private contracts;

(b) whether the landscaping and beautification work in lASRI for the period 1997—99 is done through open quotation;

(c) if so, the annual budget for the landscaping and beautification of lASRI for the period 1997—99, yearwise; and

(d) if not the reason for not going through quotation?